

**MIAMI COUNTY COUNCIL
2014 BUDGET HEARINGS
AUGUST 27, 2014**

Council President Duckwall called the meeting to order. Councilman Wiles led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MUSEUM

Josh Francis, Chairman of the Commissioner, explained the recommendation of the Commissioners. Due to the reduction of income the County has been experiencing, the Board of Commissioners has had to take a serious look at what is vital to the operation of the County. The County has been providing 3 staff members, the building and all the repairs, and paying all of the bills. The Museum has requested a budget of \$106,015 for 2015. The Commissioners are recommending that the Museum be given \$100,000, they may purchase the building for \$1 and the BOC will make the necessary repairs before they purchase it. The employees will become employees of the Historical Society not Miami County.

Gary Hawley, Historical Society, stated that there is a long-term agreement between the County and the Historical Society. However, the validity of the contract is in question due to the length of the contract and other issues. Although he understands it is not an essential part of County Government, he does believe it is an essential part of Miami County. Councilman Boyer stated that the history of the Museum has worked well but also understands when people do not pay their taxes it hurts the entire County. Getting more revenue for the County is about the only option and the County probably needs to look at raising the C.O.I.T. tax.

Councilwoman Harp stated that she has a great love for the Museum but she was elected to watch over the taxpayer's money and to keep County Government working.

Council President Duckwall stated he would entertain a motion to take the Museum budget to 0 and grant the Historical Society \$100,000 to help with the operation of the Museum. Councilwoman Harp made the motion. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (McAuliffe, Boyer)

Councilwoman Mull stated that this has been the hardest year of the 18 she has served.

Soil & Water

01 34,286

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

There were questions asked about the office position needing to be full time. With the position being full time, the District receives \$10,000 in grant funds (not the County, the District).

02 3,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 3,450

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 40,736

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$40,736 was made by Councilwoman Mull. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Hunt and passed 7-0.

Soil & Water Grant

01 15,000

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 15,000

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$15,000 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 7-0.

LEPC

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, explained that this is a State mandated program to address disaster relief. Mr. Einselen stated it is better to have one and never use it than to not have one. Councilwoman Mull asked if there are firemen on the board and Mr. Einselen said that there are firemen in the Board.

01 2,400

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 600

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 11,800

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 14,800

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

EMA

01 57,761

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 925

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 34,250

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 92,936

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$92,936 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilman Boyer and passed 7-0.

Public Defender

01 393,328

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 393,328

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$393,328 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Harp and passed 7-0.

Supplemental Public Defender

01 34,990

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 3,500

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 40,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 78,490

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$78,490 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Harp and passed 7-0.

PLANNING/ZONING

Commissioner Francis explained that the Board of Commissioners has had many discussions regarding Planning & Zoning, Veteran's, Surveyor and the switchboard/central supply. The Commissioners would like to combine Planning and Zoning back into 1 position and have a part time person, let the Veterans Officers' secretary go and make the Surveyor's deputy part time. They could move Planning & Zoning and the Veterans Office across the hall and have a position that could do switchboard, central supply and receptionist to Veteran, Surveyor and Planning and Zoning. Those that will be losing their job and/or full time status would be able to apply for that position.

Randy Hileman, Board member Planning & Zoning, stated that they have worked hard to work more efficiently and he feels it is working.

James Denham, Board President, thanked the Commissioners for their hard work on the budgets. Mr. Denham does feel that it is important to have someone checking property in the County to ensure the County is not full of junk yards. Commissioner Francis stated that he has spoken to quite a few counties and having both positions in one has been working for them. A large amount of the Board of Commissioners budget has to do with employee benefits and they would not be doing their job if they did not look at that cost. Jay Kendall, Veteran Officer, would like to see numbers. Brenda Weaver stated that the Commissioners and Council should not be on the County insurance.

Mr. Denham thanked the Commissioners once again and said he knows that they work more than 2 days a month.

01 63,680

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (McAuliffe).

02 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 27,000

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (McAuliffe).

Total 90,680

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (McAuliffe, Hunt).

Councilman Wiles mentioned that there were 2 pages of tax sale properties listed in the Peru Tribune. Over 3900 parcels pay \$25 or less.

Council President Duckwall said that the Council could change the distribution of the C.O.I.T. tax to make it evenly distributed across the County. He also stated the Governor balances the State budget off the backs of the counties.

VETERAN OFFICE

Jay Kendall, Veteran Officer stated this is the first he has heard that his office will move across the hall. Mr. Kendall does not feel he can do his job as well if he does not have a secretary. Councilman McAuliffe stated we are going to lose Mr. Kendall if he does not have his secretary. Mr. Kendall is a highly decorated Veteran and does a great job. Mr. Kendall stated he helped 376 new veterans last year and 220 so far this year. Councilman Wiles asked if the money for those veterans from other counties follow them to Miami County. Mr. Kendall replied the money does not follow the veteran. Commissioner Francis stated that the County is in a financial crunch and the Council asked the Commissioners for their recommendations on saving money and making the Courthouse work more efficiently. Councilman Boyer stated that Ohio was facing the same issues and they ended up making their Elected Officials and 1st Deputies the only full time employees, everyone else is part time.

01 27,295

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-3 (Hunt, McAuliffe, Mull).

02 1,800

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 2,750

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 31,845

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 4-3 Hunt, McAuliffe, Mull).

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Tim Spahr, Judge David Grund and Judge Dan Banina spoke to the Council regarding the Bailiff pay. They feel the pay needs adjusted because they had a Bailiff leave their position due to the pay and had a difficult time hiring a replacement because of the low pay. They are requesting a salary of \$29,500. Commissioner Francis stated he does not argue logic but it really depends on whether there is enough money. Councilwoman Mull stated that due to inflation taking over no one is making what they should make.

Councilman Boyer made a motion to increase the pay for the Bailiff position to \$27,000 instead of \$29,500. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

01 115,173

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and the motion passed 7-0.

03 11,200

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

04 9,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Total 135,373

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SUPERIOR COURT I

01 110,873

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to correct the amount for **01 – 111,393**. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

03 11,900

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

04 10,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Total 133,273

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

SUPERIOR COURT II

01 80,773

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

03 12,200

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

04 9,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Total 101,973

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

JURY FEE FUND

01 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

02 500

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

03 20,000

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Total 20,500

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

VICTEM ADVOCATE

01 29,842

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 950

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 3,820

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 34,612

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$34,612 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 7-0.

CASA

01 63,056

Councilwoman Harp made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0-1 (Hunt abstained).

Total 63,056

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve 63,056 on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

LUNCH

PROJECT INCOME

01 93,729

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0

02 24,436

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 120,730

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 238,895

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$238,895 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Harp and passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTION / TRANSITION

01 12,692

Councilman McAuliffe made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0

02 2,398

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilman Hunt 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0

03 4,792

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve and Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 0

Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Total 19,982

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$19,982 was made by Councilman Hunt. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Harp and passed 7-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

01 162,944

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading. Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Boyer out of the room).

02 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Boyer out of the room).

03 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on the 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed. (Boyer out of the room).

04 0

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion. Motion passed 6-0. (Boyer out of the room)

Total 162,944

Motion to approve on 1st reading in the amount of \$162,944 was made by Councilman McAuliffe. The motion was 2nd by Councilwoman Mull and passed 7-0.

SOLID WASTE

01 84,660

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 20,120

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 315,350

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 6,500

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 426,630

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

COMMISSIONERS

01 3,682,340
Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and
Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

02 50,000
Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve on 1st reading and
Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

03 898,250
Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve on 1st reading and
Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

04 169,000
Councilman Boyer made a motion to approve on 1st reading and
Councilwoman Harp 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Total 4,799,590
Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve on 1st reading and
Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

MISC

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to set the mileage rate at .45 on 1st reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to keep the longevity at the same rate, minimum of \$200 – maximum \$850 *according to the Personnel policy on 1st reading. Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 5-2 (Hunt, McAuliffe).

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to keep the part time pay at \$10.50 per hour. Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilman Wiles made a motion to approve the following Highway hourly rates:

Foreman	\$18.30
Asst. Foreman	\$16.44
Equip. Op.	\$16.26
Truck Driver	\$15.57
Mechanic	\$17.46
Com Labor	\$10.50
Sign man	\$15.40
Custodian	\$10.50

Office Help \$10.50

Summer help \$10.50

Br const. crew \$16.64

Councilwoman Mull 2nd the motion and it passed 6-0-1 (Hunt abstained)

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the following rates:

Sheriff Merit Board \$37.00

Health \$50.00

Zoning \$30.00

PTABOA \$100.00

L.E.P.C. \$20.00

Drainage \$50.00

Public Defender \$50.00

Deputy Coroner \$100.00 per call

Auditor stipend \$30 per meeting

Councilman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the following:

Extra jail deputy \$80.00 per day

Extra road deputy \$80.00 per day

Part time cook \$80.00 per day

Pt time communicator \$80.00 per day

Councilman McAuliffe 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Councilwoman Mull made a motion to approve the following rates for Clerk Election:

Election Board \$975 twice a year (every year)

Canvas Board \$625 twice a year(election years)

Clerical Assistant \$12.50 per hour

Election Board Asst \$750 twice a year (every Year)

Chief Registration \$1,500 twice a year (every year)

Canvas Board asst.	\$12.50 per hour
Couriers	\$120 per day
Absentee Office	\$90.00 per day
Absentee Confined	\$90 per day
Absentee delivery	\$90 per day
Inspector	\$115.00
Judge	\$90.00
Opposing Judge	\$115.00
Clerk	\$90.00

Councilman Wiles 2nd the motion and it passed 7-0.

Council President Duckwall recessed until 8:15 Thursday.

Jane Lilley, Auditor

